# I.C.P.O. Calendar

## 16-24 March 2006

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I.C.P.O. Calendar (March 16 - 24, 2006)
Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).
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16/03/2006: Fredy, DE0MST, reports that a group of 30 operators will be QRV from Helgoland Island (EU-127, N-14 for the German islands award) as DA0HEL (DOK E-20) between March 16-21st. They will also activate the Helgoland lighthouse (GLHA #26, ARLHS FED-101, WLH DL-009, WLOTA LH 0518). Look for activity on the usual IOTA frequencies, SSB, CW and Digital modes. QSL via DA0HEL, bureau preferred. [Tnx DE0MST]

16/03/2006: Amedeo, IZ0FXW/p, will activate the Castle of the Magliana (DCI reference RM-166 for the Italian castles award, WW Loc. JN61ES), Region of Lazio, Province of Roma (RM), on March 16th. Look for him to be active on 40 and 20 meters, propagation permitting, starting around 13:00 UTC. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx IZ0FXW]

16/03/2006: Jack, K9JE, will be active as J68AR from the island of St. Lucia (NA-108, WLOTA LH-0718) from March 16-20th. QSL via K9JE. [Tnx NG3K]

17/03/2006: Jose, ON4LAC, will operate as 3B8/ON4LAC from Mauritius Island (AF-049) from March 17th to May 13th. Activity will be on 80-10 meter SSB, RTTY and PSPK31. He hopes to get the authorization to operate as 3B9/ON4LAC from Rodrigues from 25 April through the end of his stay. QSL via home call. [Tnx 425 DXN]

17/03/2006: Mir/UA3FDX and Pavel/RA3AUM will be QRV from Azerbaijan as 4J0DX and 4J0AUM respectively between March 17th and March 27th. Look for them on 80-10 meter and possibly 160 meter SSB and CW. Activity will include the Russian DX Contest as 4J0DX (March 18-19th) and CQ WPX SSB Contest as 4J0DX (March 25-26th). QSL for both stations via UA3FDX either direct or via the bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

17/03/2006: Zrinko (Zik), VE3ZIK, will once again be active from Bilice (JN73WS at Adriatic Coast) between March 17-28th (approx.) as 9A/VE3ZIK. He will be active in the Russian DX Contest and CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. Outside of the contests, he will be active mostly on the WARC bands and will be waiting for any 10m FM opening on 29.600 MHz. QSL via DL3PS; by the DARC Bureau is OK. Don't send QSL cards to the VE3 Bureau. Also, visit Zik's Web site at: http://www.qslnet.de/ve3zik [Tnx OPDX]

17/03/2006: Igor/9A3AXX, Rudy/9A3RE, Hrle/9A6XX and Marko/9A8MM will operate as EA6/homecall from Ibiza, Balearic Islands (EU-004, DIE E-023, MIA MB-003, WLOTA LH-0958), from March 17-20th. The main reason for their trip is the participation in the Russiand DX Contest as EA6/9A8MM. QSL via home calls. [Tnx 425 DXN]

17/03/2006: Operators Jerry Walker (P29ZAD), Norm Beasley (P29NB), Tommy Logan (P29TL) and Peter Holliday (P29KPH) will be active as P29K from Kranket Island (OC-258) between 00:00 UTC Mar 17th to 00:00 UTC March 20th. Activity will be on 80-6 meter SSB. Look for them on the following frequencies - 3.755, 7.055, 14.260, 18.128, 21.260, 24.950,

28.460 and 50.260 MHz. QSL via LZ1JZ (QRZ.com). Further information can be found at P29K.blogspot.com. [Tnx P29ZAD]

18/03/2006: Steve, 9M6DXX, will be active as 9M6DXX/p from Pulau Gaya (OC-133) on March 18-19th (approximately from 0500z on the 18th until 06:00 UTC on the 19th). This activity will also count for the Pulau Gaya lighthouse (WLOTA LH-0800). QSL direct only to Steve Telenius-Lowe, WDT 527, 88905 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia (please note that there is no functioning QSL bureau in East Malaysia, that old-type IRCs are no longer exchangeable and that cards sent via G4JVG will now not be received, as mail is no longer being forwarded from Steve's old address in England). [Tnx 425 DX News]

18/03/2006: Francois/F5JNE and Claude/F5MCC will be active March 18th as F5JNE/p from the Castle of Cerilly (DFCF reference 89-279), located in the Canton of Cerisiers (DDCF 89-08), City of Cerilly (CP 89142), Department of Yonne (89), Province of Burgundy. Look for them starting around 0700z on 40 meter CW and SSB. QSL via F5JNE, bureau preferred and SWL cards are welcome. [Tnx F5NQL]

18/03/2006: IK1AWV/p (Salvatore) and IK1SUB/p (Fabry) will activate Torre di Clavi a Imperia (DCI reference IM-120 for the Italian castles award), Region of Liguria, Province of Imperia (IM) on March 18th. Look for them on 40 and 20 meter SSB, starting around 0800z. Other references: WW Loc. JN33XV and WAIS CK08. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. [Tnx F5NQL]

18/03/2006: Operators IZ4FTE, I4EWH, IK4UNH, IW4ENU, IZ3HGL and IZ4GWE will be active March 18th as IZ4GWE/4 from the Fortified Residence of Savarna - Ravenna (DCI reference RA-019 for the Italian castles award), Region of Emilia-Romagna, Province of Ravenna(RA). Activity will be on 40 and 20 meter CW and SSB. Information and on-line log will be available at www.iz4gwe.it/ra019/ . QSL via IZ4GWE, direct or bureau. [Tnx IZ4GWE]

18/03/2006: Renato, IZ0HLY/p, will activate the Castle of Poggio of Otricoli (DCI reference TR-070 for the Italian castles award), Region of Umbria, Province of Terni (TR) on March 18th starting around 0800z. Activity will be on 40 and 20 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx IZ0HLY]

18/03/2006: Kees/PA3EEQ and Age/PA0XAW will operate on 80, 40, 20 and 2 meter CW, SSB and FM from the Den Helder/Lange Jaap/Huisduinen lighthouse (ARLHS NET-005) and the Zanddijk (Large Tower)/Groote Kaap lighthouse (ARLHS NET-077) on March 18th. On the 25th they will operate from the Texel/Eierland lighthouse (ARLHS NET-024, WLH PA-004, WLOTA LH-0003) on Texel Island (EU-038). QSL direct or via the bureau. Information on the Dutch Lighthouses Award can be found at http://www.dutchlighthouseaward.nl [Tnx 425 DXN]

18/03/2006: Selva, 9V1UV, will be active from Singapore (AS-019) during the BARTG RTTY Contest (March 18-19th) using the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society's (SARTS) special contest callsign S65X. Operations will be from Selva's home QTH. QSL via PA0KHS. [Tnx OPDX]

18/03/2006: Hide, JM1LJS, plans to be QRV as T80W from Palau (OC-009) March 18-21st. Activity will be on all bands. QSL via JM1LJS (QRZ.com). [Tnx JM1LJS]

18/03/2006: Don/N1DT (ARLHS member #962) and Whitey/K1VV (ARLHS member #957) will be signing W1AA from two lighthouses in the State of Rhode Island. They plan to activate the Popham Rocks lighthouse (ARLHS reference USA-643) and the Sabin Piont lighthouse (ARLHS USA-715 [Historic]). Time of operation: 07:30AM EST (1230z) to 2:00PM EST (1930z). Frequencies: 75 SSB tune above 3975.0 (3997.0), 40 SSB 7168, 7209, 7233, 7248, 7255, 7281, 7288 plus or minus the nets, 20 SSB above 14300, 17 SSB above 18150 kHz (+/- QRM); CW: 7035, 10116, 14035, 18080 kHz (+/- QRM). They will start on 75 phone at 3997.0 at 0730AM EST (1230z) plus or minus QRM. Rig: IC-7000 and Antenna: Homebrew Truck Mounted Vertical, 75, 40, 30, 20, 17 meters. They will also have a 2 meter packet station in the truck and will be spotting W1AA on the DX Summit on the internet. There will be a digital photo QSL for each of the lights, remember to please include an SASE, no special envelopes required. Stateside QSL to W1AA CBA, and DX via the bureau. STATESIDE REMEMBER TO USE A 39 CENT STAMP ON THE ENVELOPE. VE stations make sure that you have enough US postage on the SASE as the US Postal rates have gone up. [Tnx N1DT & K1VV / W1AA]

18/03/2006: Foster, W1CGT, will be operating as W1CGT/C6A from South Andros Island (NA-001), Bahamas, March 18-25th. He plans to be QRV most afternoons, 14.300 +/- 50hz SSB and can be moved to other bands as conditions allow. He will be active on 40-6 meters. Foster will update as he has more information and can be e-mailed at w1cgt@arrl.net for times and bands. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

19/03/2006: Fredy, DE0MST, reports that a group of 30 operators will be QRV from Helgoland Duene Island (EU-127, N-15 for the German islands award) as DL0IH (DOK E-20) between March 19-21st. They will also activate the Helgoland Duene lighthouse (GLHA #68, ARLHS FED-102 Range Front, ARLHS FED-103 Range Rear, WLOTA LH 0518). Look for activity on the usual IOTA frequencies, SSB, CW and Digital modes. QSL via DL0IH, bureau preferred. [Tnx DE0MST]

19/03/2006: Several operators from the Canary Islands will be active from the Castle of La Luz (DMHE MGC 013) in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Capital city of Gran Canaria Island (IOTA AF-004, DIE S-005, WLOTA LH-0969) on March 19th. This will be the first activation of the castle, with the reference DMHE: MGC 013 valid for the Spanish Historic Monuments Award. They will be signing ED8CLL. Activity will be on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter CW and SSB, with some PSK and RTTY. The team hopes to be active with a second call EF8CLL on 15 meter CW and SSB. QSL via EC8AUA, bureau preferred. Further information can be found at www.qrz.com/ed8cll/ [Tnx EC8AUA]

19/03/2006: Frank, F4BQO, will be S9/F4BQO between March 19-26th from Sao Tome Island (AF-023). He will be active every morning (0800z to 1000z) and every afternoon starting around 1700z. Look for him on 20, 15 and 10 meter CW and SSB. QSL fia F4BQO. Apart from this week, Frank is usually active from Gabon, as TR8FC, every morning on 21.020 kHz in CW and every afternoon starting 1700z, on 14.300 kHz SSB. [Tnx F5NQL]

19/03/2006: Jim, N6TJ, will operate again as ZD8Z from Ascension Island (AF-003) from March 19-30th, including the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via VE3HO. [Tnx 425 DXN]

20/03/2006: Brad, K7ZSD, will be active as CN2SD from Morocco between March 20-28th. The main purpose of this operation is to participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band

(20m) entry. QSL via K7ZSD (QRZ.com). [Tnx F5NQL]

20/03/2006: Jean-Pierre, F5CVI, will be active as FG/F5CVI from Sainte Rose, Guadeloupe (NA-102, DIFO FG-001, WLOTA LH-0644) from March 20-27th. He plans to operate SSB and RTTY on 10-40 meters (plus 80 and 160 meters depending on local conditions). QSL via home call. His log will be available at http://www.ham-radioamateur.org/ [Tnx 425 DXN]

20/03/2006: Operators Jan/K4QD (HH4/K4QD) and Bill/W4WX (HH4/W4WX) will be in Haiti (NA-096, WLOTA LH-0343) from March 20-31st. They plan to be active on all modes on 80-10 meters. As in the past, they will operate from the NW Haiti Christian Mission: http://www.nwhcm.org . QSL HH4/W4WX direct to W4WX and HH4/K4QD direct or by the bureau to K4QD. [Tnx OPDX]

21/03/2006: Pete, SM5GMZ, will be active as 9M6/SM5GMZ from East Malaysia starting March 21st for two weeks. He will operate on all bands and modes, with a special emphasis on 160 and 80 meters. QSL direct to his home call. [Tnx 425 DXN]

21/03/2006: Operators Carl/K3RV and Doug/W3NO will be here between March 21-28th. They plan to be active as V31RV in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. Outside the contest (before and after), they will use the callsign V31NO on all bands 160-10 meters on CW and SSB. QSL both callsigns via W3NO. [Tnx OPDX]

22/03/2006: The W2RZS Amateur Radio Club will be returning to Dominica (NA-101) for the 2006 CQ WPX SSB Contest in March. They expect to arrive on March 22nd and depart on March 28th. Last year they logged over 6500 QSOs. This year they hope to be able to break that record. They will be concentrating more of their activity on the low bands; 160/80/40 meters, and hope to increase their number of RTTY QSOs. Their expected callsign will be the same as last year: J75RZ. All QSLs should be sent to W2RZS with a SASE, or sent ONLY to W2RZS via the bureau. The operators will be: Mike/WA2VQW, Bob/WB2NVR, Bob/N2DVQ and Adam/N2DHH. Their location this trip will be Sea Cliffs Cottages, a location that is a bit closer to the ocean than the one they had last year. [Tnx OPDX]

22/03/2006: DL2VFR (Ric) and DL2SWW (Frank), plan to be QRV March 22-29th as OH1/homecall from Korpo Island (EU-096). Activity will be on 160-10m (possibly 6m), CW and SSB. QSL via home calls. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

22/03/2006: Look for Marcos, EA1APV, to be signing TG7M from Guatemala City, Guatemala, between March 22-26th. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

23/03/2006: Roberto, IV3IYH (NQ5W), will be active from the island of Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA LH-1041) as TO3W in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th). Look for activity from Roberto on the WARC Bands and RTTY, before and after the contest either as FM/IV3IYH or FM/NQ5W. QSL via IK2ILH (100% via bureau or direct). E-mail requests for bureau cards can be sent to ik2ilh@libero.it [Tnx OPDX]

24/03/2006: Francois, F8DVD is getting ready for his 10th dxpedition to the Arctic. Between March 24th to 31st he will be active as JW/F8DVD, from the Longyearbyen ARC, located on the Spitsbergen Island, 78? North, and about a thousand kilometers away from the geographic North Pole (EU-026, WAZ 40, WW Loc. JQ78TF, WLOTA LH-0125). Look for Francois, on all HF bands both SSB and CW. He will also enter the WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th), Single-Op/Single-Band 20m/High-Power. Equipment

consists of an ICOM 751 and a 500 watt PA, into a 5 element yagi on a 30 meters high tower. QSL via home call, through the French REF-Union bureau or direct (Francois Bergez, 6 rue de la Liberte, F-71000 Macon, France) - SAE + 1 IRC (or 1 USD for EU , and 2 USD for elsewhere). [Tnx F5NQL]

24/03/2006: John, NY6DX, will be operating from Staten Island (USI NY-004S, Richmond county), New York, from March 24-26th. Activity will be on, or near, the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct only (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

24/03/2006: Operators Mario/TG9ADQ, Julio/TG9ATG, Edgar/TG9AXF, Sergio/TG9SM, Francisco/TG9ANF and Marcos/EA1APV will be QRV from the Maya Biosphere Reserve, Guatemala, starting March 24th. The Reserve of the Mayan Biosphere, is located in the north of Guatemala, in the frontier zone with Mexico and Belize. It is part of the Mayan Forest. Its biological wealth is characterized by a complex ecosystem of forest, with great flora species and abundance of fauna. The team will also participate in the WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) as a Multi-Op entry, using the special call TG7M (QSL via EA1APV). For further information on this DXpedition see their web page at www.ureoviedo.com/ea1apv/wpx.html [Tnx EA1APV]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

25/03/2006: Look for Vakhtang, 4L8A, to be active in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26) from Tbilisi, Georgia. No operating category was given. QSL via DJ1CW. [Tnx NG3K]

28/03/2006: Operators John/SV1GYG, George/SV1QN, Fotis/SV1AIN, Manolis/SV1EQU and Nikos/SW1GYN will activate the island of Patmos (EU-001, MIA MGD-025), using SV5/homecalls, between March 28th and April 2nd. Look for them to be active on 160-6 meter SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via the individual operators home call. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

30/03/2006: Orlando, PY2TJ/PT2OP, will operate as ZV0F from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003, DIB-01 for the Brazilian islands award, Code OC-01) between March 30 and April 4, 2006. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via PT2OP, direct prefered (with SASE/SAE + 2 IRCs or US$ 2) [Orlando Perez Filho, SHIGS 706 - Bloco L - Casa 22, 70350-762 - Bras?-lia - DF, BRAZIL] or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/04/2006: 20+ new USI's in 20+ states in April and May -
Ralph, NM5RC, says "Planning an April-May trip to activate new islands starting in LA and then east and north to ME. If everything (!) goes right, might get to the upper US too to finish the last 26 of the lower 48 states in my continuing pursuit of activating a new USI in all 50 states. More information will be posted in late March. Contacts, posting and publicity will be appreciated. Where possible I'm planning on lakes on or near state borders to reduce how often I have to set up camp and occassionly get both a morning and afternoon island. If you only lack one or two of these states to complete your USI-WAS, let me know as the order of visiting these near state line islands may be adjustable to better fit with the time you can be on the radio. The efforts of the USI bunch in keeping the USIA alive and well is greatly appreciated." QSL via home call. [Tnx NM5RC]

01/04/2006: The Radio Club of Passendale will be active from the castle De Ghellinck (BCA reference OV-032 for the Belgian castles award) at Elsegem from April 1st 10:00 UTC until April 2nd 2006 14:00 UTC (NON STOP). The QRA locator is JO10ST and the castle is situated along the route to Kortrijk in Elsegem. The castle goes back to the 16th century and became the property of the family De Gellinck around 1718. Although the castle was surrounded with water it was not really fortified. As so may castles it was pillaged during the French revolution. In the 19th century there have been many structural alterations. During both World Wars there was a lot of damage. After the Second World War the castle wasn't used any more and in 1973 the whole building burned down. The community of Wortegem Petegem obtained the castle and the park. The remaining buildings are being restored for the moment but financial problems slow down the project. For the event in April 2006 we have obtained the special call ON7G. The club will be active mainly on 80, 40 and 20 meter SSB and also on local 2 meter FM. QSL via ON4MRX, bureau or direct with SAE + 1 IRC or e-QSL. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/04/2006: Berkin Aydogmus, TA3J, will be QRV on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2 meters and WARC bands, all modes, between April 1-22nd (in good weather conditions) from Antalya - Sican Adasi (Rat Island) (AS-115, WW Loc. KM56JU) using the callsign TA3J/0. QSL via Nilay Mine Aydogmus, TA3YJ, direct at P.O. Box 876, 35214 Izmir - TURKEY (only SASE and 1 IRC, no green stamps please) or by the bureau. No eQSL. SWL QSL cards are OK. [Tnx F5NQL]

03/04/2006: A group of UBA members (Antwerp section OSA) will be activating the Nieuwschouwen (West Schouwen) lighthouse (ARLHS NET-029) from 3 to 7 April 2006. They will be on Schouwen Duivenland so all contacts are also valid for IOTA reference EU-146. Look for them on all HF bands and all modes. The clubcall used will be PA/ON4OSA. The operators will be ON4AWT, ON4CF, ON6JK and any other member of our radio club that shows up on the facility. QSL via ON4AWT. Further information can be found at
http://users.fulladsl.be/spb16176/aktivi/06net029/06net029.htm
[Tnx ON4AWT]

07/04/2006: Simon, M0BOX, plans a second and final holiday trip to the Maldives. Look for him to be active April 7-20th as 8Q7BO from the Kuredu Island Resort (AS-018). Activity will be on all bands 40 through 10 meters, WARD included, in his spare time. Simon will concentrate on the digital modes, mainly PSK31 plus RTTY and maybe SSTV if requested, and of course SSB. He will NOT be accepting SKED requests before activation, however, Simon hopes this time to connect to the DX Cluster to advise operation frequency and mode. QSL via home call. Further information and updates can be found at
http://www.btinternet.com/~m0box/ . [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

08/04/2006: Frank, K3TRM, will be vacationing with his family in El Verde, Puerto Rico (NA-099, WLOTA LH-2802, Grid FK78) from April 8 through April 17, 2006. He is planning to be active on 80-6 meter SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and CW, with some emphasis on the WARC bands. Because he is not staying at a "rent-a-QTH", these plans may change as he determines his antenna options. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Further information can be found at http://www.k3trm.com/ [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

10/04/2006: NE1RD (Scott) and KZ1O (Dave) will be active April 10-17th using the Patriots Day special event call K1P from Deer Isle (NA-055, USI ME-014S, Hancock county), Maine. Patriots Day celebrates

Massachusetts in the founding of our nation but many do not know Maine was part of Massachusetts until 1820, split as part of the Missouri Compromise. Join us from the Maine sea coast celebrating Patriots Day and New England's tradition of the sea April 10-17, 2006. Look for activity on all bands. QSL via NE1RD (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

11/04/2006: John, NY6DX, will be operating as NY6DX/1 from Block Island (NA-031, USI RI-New One!, Washington county), Rhode Island, from April 11-14th. Look for activity on, or near, the usual IOTA frequencies. QSL via home call, direct only (QRZ.com). [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

14/04/2006: Team leader Fredy (DE0MST) along with operators Daki (9A2WJ), Boro (9A3KB), Emir (9A6AA), Sven (DF9MV), Mathias (DL5MFL), Fredy's XYL Maria and Sven's XYL Petra plan to be active April 14-22nd as 9A0CI and homecall/p from Dugi Otok Island (EU-170, IOCA CI-018 for the Islands of Croatia award, CIA-10 for the Croatian Islands award, ACIA IC-367 for the All Croatian Islands award, MIA MC-074 for the Mediterranean Islands award, County ZD). They will also be activating the Veli Rat lighthouse (ARLHS CRO-183, WLH 9A-077, WLOTA LH-2375, WW Loc. JN74JD) at the same time. QSL 9A0CI via DE0MST (100% via bureau), others via their home calls. [Tnx DE0MST]

16/04/2006: Look for Ela/DL1TM and Tor/DJ4MG to be active as homecall/p from Insel Vendsyssel-Thy / Nordjylland Island (EU-171, NJ-001 for the Danish islands award, WW Loc. JO47VK) between April 16th and May 4th. Activity will be on 160, 80, 40, 20 and 15 meter SSB and 20 meter PSK-31. They will also be QRV on 2 meter SSB. QSL via their home calls. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

20/04/2006: Riccardo, IZ1GDB, plans to be active from Kenya as 5Z/IZ1GDB between April 20 and May 1, 2006. He will be operating on 40, 20 and 15 meter SSB only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

29/04/2006: Look for Radio Club DL0RU/LH and Dieter DJ8DS/LH to activate Juist Island (EU-047, N-03 for the German islands award) and the Memmertfeuer lighthouse (GLHA #69, ARLHS FED-121, WLH DL-012) on April 29th and 30th. Activity will be on 40, 30, 20 and 15 meter SSB and PSK-31. QSL via home calls, direct or through the bureau. [Tnx DE0MST]

05/05/2006: Juergen, DJ2VO, will be active from the Island of Miquelon (NA-032, DIFO FP-002, May 5-20th. His callsign was not provided. Activity will be CW only on 80-10 meters with 100 watts into a Vertical Antenna. This activity will also count for the Ile Grande Miquelon lighthouse (WLOTA LH-1417). QSL via his home callsign. [Tnx NG3K]

06/05/2006: Look for Ronnie, SM7DKF, to be signing FS/SM7DKF from the Esmeralda Resort, Orient Beach, island of St. Martin (NA-105, DIFO FS-001, Grid FK88) from May 6-10th. Activity will be on all bands with an Icom IC-706MkIIg, 100 watt output. QSL only direct to SM7DKF or LoTW. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

10/05/2006: Look for Ronnie, SM7DKF, to be signing FJ/SM7DKF from the St. Barth's Beach Hotel, St. Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, Grid FK87) from May 10-20th. Activity will be on all bands with an Icom IC-706MkIIg, 100 watt output. QSL only direct to SM7DKF or LoTW. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

15/05/2006: Gavin, W9EYE, will operate as AH8/W9EYE from American Samoa May 15-21th. This will be a spare-time operation while working as a medical missionary in Pago Pago, Tutuila Island (OC-045). Gavin will be active on all HF bands SSB (no CW) as propagation allows. QSL to home call with SASE or through the W9 bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

15/05/2006: Karl, OE3JAG, reports that he will be QRV May 15-22nd as CT3/OE3JAG from Madeira Island (AF-014, MA-001 for the Portuguese islands award, Grid Loc. IM12, WLOTA LH-0053). Activity will be mainly on 30 and 20 meter CW, PSK and RTTY, QRP with a dipole or long-wire antenna. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx OE3JAG]

15/05/2006: 3 Steves Op!. They're at it again! Operators Steve/N2IFA, Steve/KB2ENF and Steve/KF2TI will be heading to the island of St. Croix (NA-106, WLOTA LH-2477), and will be active between May 19-22nd (0400-0400z). The 3 Steves will be signing KP2/homecall. The 3 Steves special event stations will be on the General portions of 160-10 meters. Also, if you work all 3 Steves, you can receive a coveted WAS (Worked All Steves) Certificate. Details are forthcoming on a new Web page (not yet working) at: http://3stevesandkurt.dynu.com/ . QSL via the bureau or direct to: Steve Adell, KF2TI, 606 E Vail Rd, Landing, NJ 07850-1218. [Tnx OPDX]

21/05/2006: John, G8LGC, plans to be QRV May 21st from Conisbrough Castle, 8Km West of Doncaster in South Yorkshire, using the callsign G8LGC/P from his car, 100 watts to a small doublet aerial. It was built in 1180 and is considered to be one of the finest examples of medieval castle architecture in Europe. www.conisbroughcastle.org.uk - WAB: SK59, IO95JL & Cashota Number: G/001/C. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

25/05/2006: Operators Theodoros/SV1GRM, Sotirios/SV1HER and Dimitris/SV1EDZ will be active as SV1GRM/8 from Kythira Island (EU-113, MIA MG-062) and the Spathi lighthouse (ARLHS GRE-120, WLH SV-084, WOLTA LH-1703) from May 26-28th. Activity will be on 160, 80, 40, 20, 17, 30 and 2 meters. QSL via SV1GRM, bureau preferred. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

03/06/2006: Operators Mike/SV1RK, Kostas/SV1AER and Stavros/SV3CJU will operate as J48SI from Sapientza Island (EU-158, MG-101 for the Mediterranean islands award, WLOTA LH-1471) from June 3-5th. QSL via SV1RK, bureau or LoTW. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

08/06/2006: Jon, N0JK, will be active as VP9/N0JK from the island of Bermuda (NA-005) June 8-12th. A serious entry in the 2006 ARRL June VHF QSO Party (June 10-12th) is planned on 50, 144 and 432 MHz. Outside of the contest he will focus on working Europe. QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx SMIRK]

10/06/2006: Operators Terry/W6WTG, Larry/KF6JOQ and Mark/KG6ZBL will be going to Santa Cruz Island (NA-144, USI CA-012S, Santa Barbara county), California, from June 10-11th. Look for them as homecall/p to be active on 14.260 MHz +/- and also on 144.210 MHz SSB. QSL all calls via N2OWL. [Tnx W6WTG]

27/07/2006: Operators OZ2TF, OZ5JR, OZ7KDJ and OZ9V will be active as OZ8MW/p from Anholt Island (EU-088, NK-001 for the Danish islands award) between July 27th and August 1st, IOTA Contest included. Look for them to be QRV 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]
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SPECIAL EVENTS -

15/03/2006: The Foyle and District Amateur Radio Club from Northern Ireland will be operating special event station GB5SPD to celebrate Saint Patricks Day from March 15-24th on the 80-10 meters. QSL via MI0AKU, or via the RSGB bureau. [Tnx GB2RS]

17/03/2006: The International Shortwave League (ISWL), continue with their 60th (Diamond) Anniversary celebrations this weekend March 17th, 18th and 19th. The special call GB6SWL will be QRV for 3 days from Portadown, Northern Ireland. John, GI0KUH, will be the main operator. However, look out for other ISWL members operating this call throughout the long weekend. The QSL Manager for ALL ISWL Club and Special Event Callsigns is: Alan Loveridge, G-11901, 29 Courtiers Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. GL52 8NU, England. The ISWL Awards Programme, is open to non members for a very small fee, to cover postage to any country in the world. Please see http://www.iswl.org.uk for all details, including QSL information and Special Diamond Anniversay Awards etc. [Tnx F5NQL]

18/03/2006: Look for the special callsign ED7PMC to be aired March 18-19th from Carmona, Spain. This event celebrates the Heritage of the Town of Carmona (Seville), concretely like ED7PMC (PMC for Patrimonio Mundial Carmona). Activity will be on all HF bands and modes, also VHF. QSL via EA7AHA (QRZ.com). [Tnx F5NQL]

25/03/2006: Bob, VA3CCO, will be active as VB3O in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) and the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th). QSL VB3O via VA3CCO, either direct (Robert Nash, 5260 Fourteen Side Road RR #6, Milton, ON  L9T 2Y1, Canada) with SASE/SAE + postage or via the RAC bureau. [Tnx RAC]

25/03/2006: Dennis, VE3JAQ, will be active as VC3U in the CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 25-26th) and the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th). QSL VC3U via VE3JAQ, either direct (Dennis Gasparotto, 1485 Queensbury Crescent, Oakville, ON  L6H 4G6, Canada) with SASE/SAE + postage or via the RAC bureau. [Tnx RAC]

01/04/2006: Look for special event station SP0TPAX to be active in April. The activity is organized by the SP DX Club. Expect activity on all bands (LF, HF, VHF, UHF) on all possible modes. QSL via SP7DQR (by the bureau or direct). This activity is to celebrate the first Polish amateur radio contact to a HAM station from outside Poland in 1925. Tadeusz Heftman, using the call SP0TPAX, made a QSO with N0PM - it was a station from the Netherlands. A few months later, in April 1925, TPAX made a QSO with an American HAM who was using U1AAO as a callsign. PLEASE NOTE: Tom, SP5UAF, is looking for any HAM who perhaps has any information about the historical callsigns N0PM or U1AAO. Contact Tom, SP5UAF, at: tomek@sp5zcc.waw.pl [Tnx SP5UAF]

04/04/2006: Look for special call GB0MPA to be aired April 4th, for 28 days, to commemorate the callsign of RMS Carpathia, the ship that saved 750 persons from the wreck of the Titanic. QSL via GW0ANA. [Tnx RNARS]

20/04/2006: The special call GB80QE will be aired April 20th, for 28 days, to celebrate the 80th birthday of HM the Queen. QSL via GW0ANA. [Tnx RNARS]

22/04/2006: The West Manchester Radio Club (GX4MWC) has been given permission to use the special event callsign GB5WM to celebrate its Silver Jubilee on April 22nd and 23rd. Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via GX4MWC or through the RSGB bureau. [Tnx GB2RS]

23/04/2006: Berkin Aydogmus, TA3J, will be QRV at 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2 meters and WARC bands, on all modes, between April 23rd 0000z and November 10th 2359z from Antalya (KM56JU) with the special callsign YM125ATA for 125th anniversary of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's birthday. Ataturk was the modern founder of Turkish Republic. Berkin, TA3J has got written authorization from the Turkish Republic Telecommunication Department of Mersin Site Management to use special callsign, YM125ATA. The prefix of the special callsign is YM125 and the suffix is ATA. QSL via Nilay Mine Aydogmus, TA3YJ, direct (only SASE and 1 IRC, no green stamps please) or by the bureau. No eQSL. SWL QSL cards are OK. QSL Manager: Nilay Mine Aydogmus TA3YJ, P.O. Box 876, 35214 Izmir - TURKEY. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/05/2006: Look for special event station 3Z80LKK to be active May 1 to June 30, 2006, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Lviv short-wave radio association - LKK. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via SP8PEF, direct or bureau. [Tnx SP8PEF]

01/05/2006: Special event station SN80LKK will be aired by Wojtek, SP8MI, to commemorate the 80 anniversary of LKK (Lvovs Shortwave Club - since 1926) during the period of May 1-31, 2006. QSL via SP8MI, bureau or direct (SASE 1IRC - new). Wojtek does not answer QSL cards on the e.QSL.cc system. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/05/2006: This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Lviv short-wave radio association - LKK. Look for special event stations EO80W and SP/EO80W to be active May 1-25th. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx SP9JPA]

05/05/2006: Special event station EM750W will be aired to celebrate the 750th anniversary of the city of Lviv, Ukraine, between May 5-15th. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx SP9JPA]

01/06/2006: Qatari Stations A71EM, A71BX and some others will be active as A72OO6 (Alfa Seventy Two Oscar Oscar Six) to commemorate the 15th Asian Games 2006 to be held in Doha, Qatar. The special call will be activated between June 1 and July 31, 2006, on all bands and modes. QSL via EA7FTR. [Tnx K1XN & The GOLIST]

01/06/2006: Look for special event station GB4HAA to be aired June 1-28th to celebrate the Inauguration of the Hampshire and I.O.W. Air Ambulance Service. This activity will take place from the HMS Collingwood, RNARS HQ station. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx RNARS]

09/06/2006: Dirk, DL5DCL, will be active as DL5DCL/06 during the FIFA Soccer World Cup 2006 (June 9 - July 9) in Germany. All QSOs are confirmed with a special QSL Card. He will be very active on the HF bands [prefers WARC 12, 17 and 30m] and CW only. An online log will be available, during the activity. Further information at dl5dcl.de.vu [Tnx DL5DCL]

09/06/2006: DR06SOCCER is the special callsign used only in 2006 on the occasion of the FIFA Soccer World Cup 2006 (June 9 - July 9) held in Germany. This callsign (rather long for CW traffic...) is activated by

members of the DARC district group A07 (Karlsruhe). A special QSL card will confirm the contacts. [Tnx UBA HF News]

16/06/2006: Over the third weekend in June (16-18th), Special Events Amateur Radio Educational Group (SEAREG) and the Rose And Crown Amateur Radio Club will be combining and operating from the Conisbrough Castle (CASHOTA reference G/001/C) 24 hours a day, with the callsign GB8CC - HF, VHF, UHF and Fast Scan Television. They are hoping to get funding so that all visitors get in free. This is their show piece each year since 2003 and a big public demonstration weekend with hundreds of visitors. VHF, UHF and Fast Scan Television, aerials will be on top of KEEP at 27Mtrs and a 80Mtr Doublet from top of keep to the apron wall, fed with 300 Ohm ribbon. QSL via operators' instructions. [Tnx F5NQL]

09/07/2006: The West Manchester Radio Club (GX4MWC) will be operating the special event station GB4CH, for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, from Parr Fold Park, Walkden, on July 9th. Look for activity on all HF bands. QSL via GX4MWC or through the RSGB bureau. [Tnx GB2RS]
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Pay tribute to the military -
The next Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day is due to take place on 27 May. The event is aimed at showing appreciation to people involved in the military. Since being founded by Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, in May 2004, Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day has grown in popularity, attracting amateurs from across the world.

The idea for the appreciation day took shape after amateurs from two US radio clubs decided to hold an event during Memorial Day weekend at a local baseball stadium. Amateurs were able to set up radio stations inside and around the stadium to allow the fans a chance to say thanks to military members, and to show support to their families during the game.

The event proved a huge success with more than 25 other amateur radio groups from around the US, and seven International groups, joining in the effort. Contacts were made with several military bases, ships and foreign military units serving as part of the Coalition Forces. The following year the event was even bigger, involving over 100 locations worldwide. Troops from Iraq were on the air to listen to appreciation messages passed on by radio amateurs.

Amateur radio operators, clubs, local community members and military amateur operators are encouraged to participate in this year's Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day. Visit web address www.armad.net for further information.
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